Morning Telegram.

GRAND RAPIDS, DEC. 10, 1884.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS. Jackson is blessed with three woman phy-

Battle Creek is having a boom in house

David M. Carey is now city editor of the Dutroit Post. The Coronna Independent issued its first

number Dec. 5. A man in Detroit has been arrested for stealing a printer's pay. The wind blow thirty-seven miles an hour

at Port Huron Saturday. The diphtheria at the state school for the blind has been stamped out.

C. V. Cook & Co., grocers, of Lansing, closed their doors yesterday. The Downgiac Baptist church is now in-

corporated under the new law. The two principal saw-mills in Port Huron have closed down for the season.

The latest developements in coal at Corunna indicate a vein six feet deep. Judge Cooley declines to lecture at the Boston university as per invitation.

Cheyboygan, now considerably paved with sawdust, wants to improve the streets with

There are two assemblies of the Knights of Labor at lonia, aggregating about five hund-

The iron ore shipments from Marquette, L'Anse, Escanaba and St. Ignace for the season aggregated 3,442,012 tons.

A Jackson pulp mill has contracted for 2,000 cords of popiar wood from a Dundee man who is a very "poplar" fellow.

Gov. Begole has received an invitation to attend the formal opening of the World's Exposition at New Orleans Dec. 16. The grocery firm of C. W. Cook & Son, at Lansing, closed their doors on Monday. The

condition of affairs is not known outside. James J. Christy, of Morton township, has been convicted of defacing a grayestone. He broke jail a few weeks ago and was recap-

Moses Lemure, a Muskagon fisherman, went out into the big lake Sunday when his boat capsized and he had a hard struggle to reach the shore. The Otisville fire department has been reorganized. It disbanded last summer, but

the recent heavy fire in the village called it together again. A company of the Salvation Army are at St. Johns, from Ionia, by invitation of the pastor of the Baptist Church to assist him in

special religious services. The ladies of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon, have an annual sale of dressed dolls this evening. Old bachelors, it is claimed,

are the buils of the market. Two Mormon elders have been trying to make converts at Brighton, but found the field very unpromising for conversions and bidding tair to pan out well in tar and feather. Therefore they left.

Charles and Lewis Gillett, of Allegan, were convicted on Saturday of stealing clover The theft was committed last winter and was large enough to amount to grand A grocery-store in West Bay City was de-

stroyed by fire Tuesday morning. It was owned by Fred Newman and the loss was fully covered by an insurance in the Ætna John Johnson, Sr., the oldest resident of Berrien county, died suddenly at his resi-

dence in Berrien township, aged 83 years. Mr. Johnson was one of the Republican Presidential electors this year. A lady at a Muskegon fancy ball wore a costume made entirely of Muskegon Daily Chronicles. She could have made the dress

with less trouble had she purchased a copy of the Grand Rapids Democrat. Joseph Williams, a colored man formerly an active private in the Salvation Army at Muskegon, has been found guilty of murder-ing Minnie Brooks, and a Chicago court has

sentenced him to imprisonment for life. A horse and buggy were stolen from Moscow the same night last week that the burglars escaped from jail at Hillsdale, and it is supposed to have been done by the same individuals. The rig has been recaptured at

it is reported that the wife of Frank Abrams has attempted suicide. She would rather die than see her husband convicted. Abrams evades every one who would approach him in regard to his late thrilling ad-

It is rumored that Talbot & Co., proprietors of the Commercial, will bring out a new afternoon daily at Port Huron just before New Year's. They have just put in a new press and are making other arrangements

which point that way. libel. He was taken before Justice D. B. Dixon at Tawas City, and gave bail for his appearance on Saturday next.

Jeff Doyle, who stabbed Willie Potney at the fire in Frenchtown Sunday evening, is now in jail to await the result of Potney's injuries. The doctors have no fear of serious results unless a pus cavity should form. The wound is about three inches deep.

A couple of Mormon elders have been in Brighton trying to make some followers They stood not upon the order of their going but went at once when they found that the citizens were preparing fo. them a warm winter suit of tar and feathers

J. Pruden, one of the oldest residents of Howell, died very suddenly about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home. He had been feeling first-rate up to that hour, when he anddenly exclaimed, "I feel queer," and sit-ting down died instantly and without a strug-

At a meeting of the West Michigan Horti-cultural Society at Fenville, Allegan county, it was decided to bring up at the next meet-ing the project of including in the society the entire western half of the state, instead of the four western tiers of counties. The next meeting will be held at Benton Harbor, the second Wednesday in March next.

It has been reported that in Windsor Allen Mexics had attempted to fire the tag Bob Hackett, which belonged to him (McKea) and has been attached on a claim of several parties. The report originated with the watchman. But McKea claims that he can prove by his parents that he was at home early on the night on which the fire took place and did not leave home until the next

Only twenty libels were filed in the United States Court against the tag A. G. Hanter, of Muskegon. A decree was entered in favor of the claimants in each case, and the ing was sold under this decree for \$1,750. Now the court has granted a petition to set aside the sale on the ground of frand in ob-mining the decree and establishing pretend-

The L. S. & M. S. milway company had lwo suits in the Circuit Court in Branch county lost week. One, the cases of Daniel Smead against the company for killing a horse on a cattle-guard in the spring of 1982, was decided against the company, the same and having been invitancy tried three different times. The case of Lepisy against the cultural for damages for killing a man some time ago was submitted to non-suit.

According to the annual report of W. F. Accounting to the animal report of W. F. Innes, intake Commissioner of Railronds, there are fifty-nime raffeond corporations in excreme in the State of Michigan. The proporties of Afry-three of these are of a personnect character, what are stassed as commissional reads. The remaining six are known as log ponds, losing devoted excise justy to the formeter of place logs from the formats, and will drappens when the finisher a state.

REMEDIES FOR SERPENT POISONING.

The Things Relied On to Neutralize the Most Violent of Poisons - Cases Where Whisky and Tobas oo Have Uses.

"To conceive of an antidote to snake

(Curiosities of Snake Life.)

poison in the true sense of the term," Sir Joseph Fayrer explains, "one must imagine a substance so subtle as to follow, overtake and neutralize the venom in the blood; one that shall have the power of counteracting and neutralizing the deadly influence it has exerted on the vital forces. Such a substance has still to be found, and our present experience of the action of drugs does not lead to hopeful anticipation that we shall find it."

With regard to the many drugs used in various countries for the cure of snakebite, it is curious to note that, as a rule, they are procured from the most deadly plants. As like cures like, so poison cures poison. Pennyroyal, says Charas, was held to the nose of a viper, which by turn. ing and wriggling labored hard to avoid by it. This was in July, at which season these creatures are computed to be in the greatest vigor of their poison.

Another drug which is poison to a venomous snake is tobacco, within the reach of most persons. This, among native remedies, has always been in favor, and we have heard of its efficacy ever since the weed was known to Europeans. Various species of tobacco and its allies are indigenous to most tropical countries, and probably were in use for both man and snake bites long before civilized nations took comfort in smoking. Man carries more poison in his mouth than a snake, said an old Virginian writer, alluding to nicotine. He can poison a rattlesnake more quickly than it can him. Nicholson states that it also rapidly affects a cobra, and he recommends it, should you wish to destroy the snake uninjured. "You have," he says, "but to blow into its mouth a drop or two of the oil from a dirty pipe."

Two young men chopping wood together in Virginia espied a rattlesnake. With a forked stick one of them held its head close to the ground, keeping its body constrained with his foot while his comrade took from his own moth a quid of tobacco, which he forced into that of the snake. The reptile was then released, and had not crawled a couple of yards before it was convulsed, swelling and dying within a

Strychnine appears to have a similar effect to tobacco on snakes. Fayrer found cobras extremely susceptible to the influence of strychnine. An almost impalpable quantity caused a cobra to twist itself up in a rigid series of coils and die. Carbolic acid is another drug which produces powerful effects. Poured on the floor of their cages it will kill venomous snakes in a very short time. A large Bungarus died in ten minutes in this way.

Dr. Weir Mitchell approves of carbolic acid. The Lancet recommends every backwoodsman to supply himself with a little of it, which is easily portable and manageable in capillary tubes. In several of Mitchell's experiments with crotalus venom, carbolic acid applied to the wound was attended with success. But it must be done at once.

The whole secret of cures-when cures can be effected at all-lies in promptness. It is celerity on the part of the Indians which insures their success. In an instant, if his comrade be bitten, the savage is on his knees sucking the wound, grasping the limb firmly, or strapping it tightly above and below the bite, knowing quite well the importance of checking the circulation. He has his "poison pills" and tobacco in his pouch. He explodes gunpowder on the wound, and loses not instant, nor does the victim lose heart. He submits with courage and confidence, and in these lie another element of success.

Many cases are on record of 'persons being at death's door through fear alone, when bitten by a harmless snake, but recovering on being assured that there was no danger. And other cases are well Wm. Featherly, editor of the Lakeside known where bitten persons have died of Saturday evening on a criminal warrant for fright and the depressing influence surrounding the accident when they might possibly have recovered.

> And now for a few words about the most popular and perhaps most attainable of all remedies-alcohol. No wonder the backswoodsman resorts to this, which, without any chopping off of fingers or toes, or personal pyrotechnics, or other local tortures, deadens his sensibilities. renders him unconscious of suffering, and sends him into a happy obliviousness of danger. It is not a refined mode of treatment, nor one that presents many opportunities of exhibiting professional skill; and it is no doubt somewhat derogatory to admit that to become dead drunk is an effective victory against snake venom. During a sojourn in Iowa some years ago, when wild and uncleared lands formed the "streets" of the town in which I was staying-Lyons, on the Mississippi River, anists can wish to revel in-it was by no means an infrequent occurrence to hear of rattlesnake bite.

> "What was done to the man? Is he alive?" were the questions naturally

"He drank a quart of raw whisky, and

got dead drunk." Generally a quart had the desired effect -that is, of causing intoxication. Persons unused to intoxicants might be affected by less quantity, but so violent is the combut between venom and whisky that a large dose must be swallowed before any effects at all are produced. I heard of a man in Nevada-George Terhune, a teamster (I give his name having reason to believe the truth of the story)-who was bitten in the hand by a rattleenake while stroping to reach some water out of a spring. The man was alone and far away from human habitations. It was an instinctive and momentary business first to kill the anake; then rushing to his wagon he drew the bung from a keg of whicky and took a large draught of the contents, After awailowing as much as he could, he torik some tobacero from his porket, sale urated that with whicky, and applied this positive to his hand. He then proceeded with his team, drinking whichy at interrule, until he reached a dwelling, when he smored the position and found that the would had turned green. Applying anther of the same kind he resemed his survey and his putent done, reaching his institution must day as enter as a Judge, having imbilied enough fire-water to be texticate a drawn more.

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